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## **Amendment to the Abstract:**

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract, including the changes reflected below, is attached.

A method of processing metal parts and the like by blanking is described and comprises includes the steps of performing a first blanking step on a semi-finished product (1) in order to produce a blanked semi-finished product (20), and of-performing a subsequent processing of the blanked semi-finished product to produce a finished product. (30, 40), wherein the first blanking step is performed leaving an allowance on the blanked semi-finished product (20), and wherein the subsequent processing comprises-includes at least one second blanking step by which the allowance is removed from the blanked semifinished product.

Attachment